Yes, Sir. It has been proposed to set up Small Industry Modernisation Fund for Modernisation and Upgradation of Small Scale Sector. The details are being worked out in consultation with SIDBI.

(b) The special RBI Committee appointed to go into the working capital and rehabilitation requirements of the small scale sector is expected to submit its report by the end of July, 1992.

Indo-Japan seminar on small and medium

201. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a seminar on collaboration between small and meduim industries in India and Japan is scheduled to be held in the near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the list of participants from both the iountries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) Government have no inforfation on official level. However, according to Indian Embassy in Tokyo, a private Nagoya based organisation called in International Department Exchange and Research Centre (IDEARC) is planning a series of seminars in India which would cover all facts including Science and Technology, History, Culture, Education etc. in a few Japanese cities in November. In th explanation on this seminar, the IDEARC had soggested a Japan Marketing Seminar whose objective woold be practical business methodology to assist Small and Medium Indian Enterprise to break into the Japanese market. The initial idea was to held this seminar in New Delhi while the ohter major seminars were to be held in Japanese cities like Yokohama, Nagoya and Osaka. Our Embassy in Tokyo is not aware of any other details on a seminar on Small and Medium industries.

Increase in the price of newsprints

202. SHRI J. S. RAJU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Newsprint Limited, Mysore Paper Mills Limited and Nepa Limited have arbitrarily increased the price of newsprint;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that this increase would make the newspaper establishment economically unviable; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (d) The price of newsprint has been price of newsprint has been increased to some extent since May, 1992 by the 3 Newsprint Mills in question as per details given below:

Name of Mill	Increase in Price (Per MT)
1. Hindustan Newsprint Limited	Rs. 1,000/-
2. Mysore Paper Mills Limited	Rs. 1,035/
3. Nepa Limited	Rs. 1,100/-